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Dear Colleague:

I am writing to invite you to join us for the 1996 Society for Developmental Biology (SDB) Annual Symposium to be held from May 30 to June 4 at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN.

The theme of the 1996 meeting will be "Patterning Mechanisms in Development". The meeting will feature a keynote lecture by Walter Gehring on the genetic control of eye development and evolution, the presentation of the 1996 Edwin G. Conklin Medal in Developmental Biology, plenary sessions entitled "Evolution of Developmental Mechanisms" (B. Swalla, Chair), "Signalling and Patterning Mechanisms" (B. Hogan, Chair), "Localization and Determinants" (W. Jeffery, Chair), "Patterning in Embryogenesis" (C. Wright, Chair), "Molecular Analysis of Regeneration" (S. Bryant, Chair), "Plant Development" (J. Croxdale, Chair), and "Molecular Basis of Organogenesis" (P. Krieg, Chair), minisymposia entitled "Fertilization and Egg Activation in Mammals" (R. Schultz, Chair), "Transcriptional Control of Development" (W. Klein, Chair). "Developmental Genetics" (E. Raff, Chair), and "Morphogenesis" (C. Erickson, Chair), and Workshops on Educational (J. Heady and R. Nuccitelli, Chairs) and Minority Issues. In addition to the usual poster sessions, the 1996 meeting will feature contributed papers selected from submissions by SDB members. The details for preregistration and submission of presentations for the poster and contributed paper sessions are included in this package.

I look forward to seeing you in Nashville.

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